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## FCC TO CONVENE *EN BANC* HEARING OCTOBER 7TH ON STEPS TOWARD RECOVERY IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an *en banc* hearing on Monday, October 7, 2002 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the headquarters of the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, DC in the Commission Meeting Room (Room TW-C305).

The hearing will bring together experts from the financial community and academic economists at an *en banc* hearing to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the current state of the telecommunications sector and to discuss steps needed to restore its financial health.

The *en banc* is open to the public and seating will be available on a first come, first served basis. All interested persons are invited to attend. Audio/Video coverage of the workshop will be broadcast live on the Internet from the FCC website at <a href="www.fcc.gov/realaudio">www.fcc.gov/realaudio</a>. Audio and video tapes of the workshop can be purchased from CACI Productions (formerly Infocus Media), 341 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170, by calling CACI at (703) 834-1470 or by faxing CACI at (703) 834-0111

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